

REMARKS

This Replacement Amendment is presented to replace the drawings and claims sections of the amendment filed February 12, 2004, and which the Examiner found to be non-compliant as stated in the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed May 3, 2004.

Properly labeled sheets of the drawing containing Figure 1 are submitted with this paper, as required by the Notice.

The undersigned understands the Examiner's confusion with the proposed amendment to claim 2. Claim 2 is presented in this Replacement Amendment in proper form, addressing each of the concerns noted by the Examiner. Applicant submits that claim 2, as now presented in this paper, is in proper form for consideration.

Applicant respectfully submit that this Replacement Amendment is in proper form, and reconsideration of this application is again respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned if any further questions remain or otherwise arise regarding this application.

Applicant respectfully maintains that all claims now in this case are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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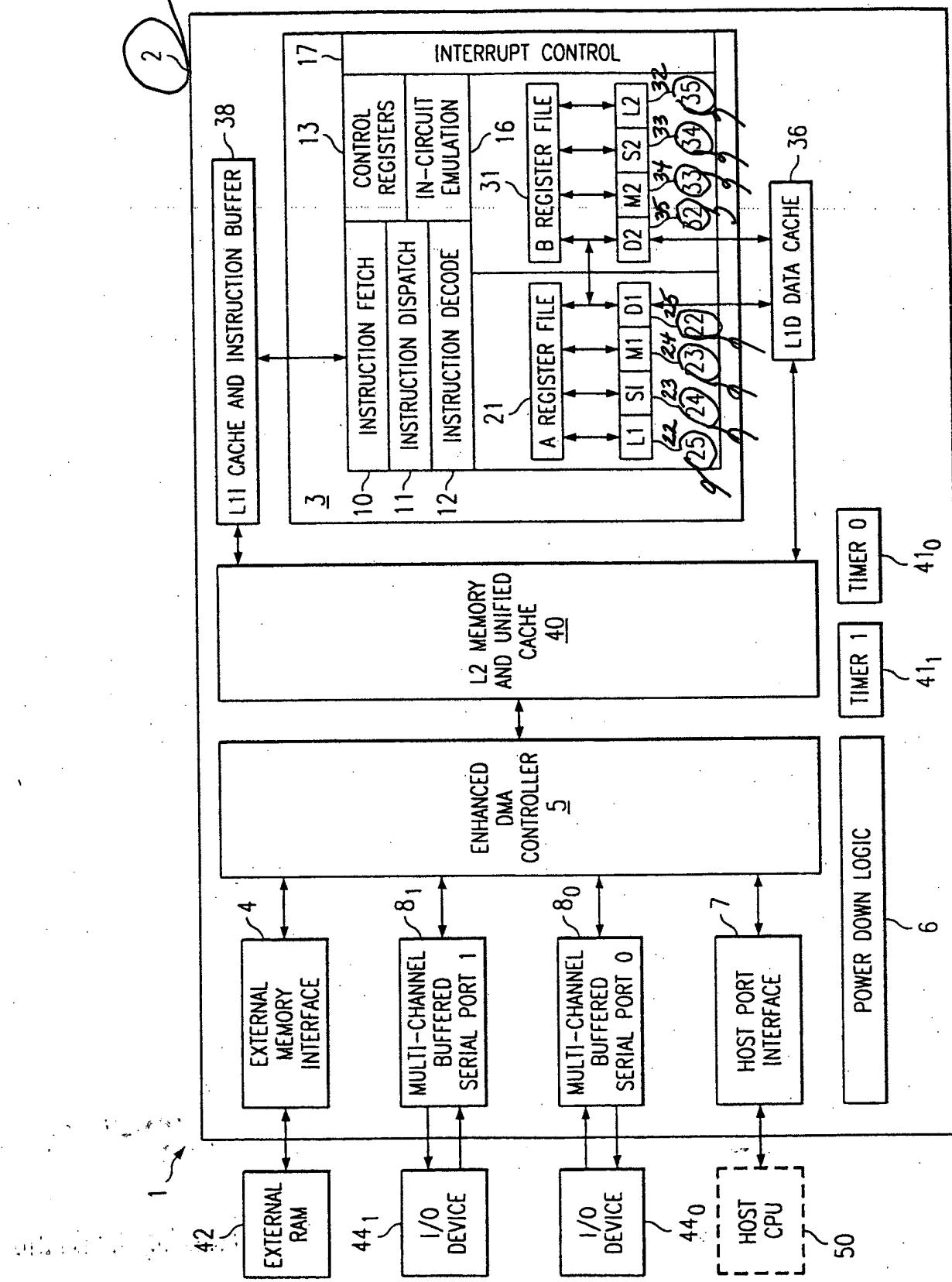


FIG. 1